

**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

Lawrence W. Warren

MURs 5017 and 5205

**CONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe Lawrence W. Warren ("Respondent") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts and violations of law in this matter are as follows:

1. Friends of Ronnie Shows was the principal campaign committee of Clifford Ronald "Ronnie" Shows for his campaign for the Democratic nomination for the United States House of Representatives (Missouri's 9<sup>th</sup> District) in the 1998 primary.

2. Cecil Brown is the treasurer of Friends of Ronnie Shows.

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3. A contribution is a gift, subscription, loan, advance, deposit of money, or anything of value made by a person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 431(8)(A). A person is prohibited from making contributions to any candidate and his or her authorized political committees with respect to any election for federal office which, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

4. The Respondent contributed an aggregate amount of \$7,500 to Friends of Ronnie Shows.

V. The Respondent made an excessive contribution of \$6,500 to Friends of Ronnie Shows, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

VI. The Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of one thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$1,900), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may initiate a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties thereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondent shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral,


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made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lois G. Lerner  
Acting General Counsel

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Gregory R. Baker  
Acting Associate General Counsel

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FOR THE RESPONDENT:

  
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